



# Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilot

## *Salt Lake City, UT*

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Between 1995 and 1996, EPA funded 76 National and Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. EPA is funding more than 27 Pilots in 1997. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

### BACKGROUND

EPA Region 8 selected Salt Lake City for a Regional Brownfields Pilot. Salt Lake City's 650-acre Gateway District (population 620) on the western edge of the downtown is a former industrial center bordering the central business district. The area has been severely impacted by abandoned industrial sites and changing transportation networks. The population is declining and the area is losing its development appeal.

### OBJECTIVES

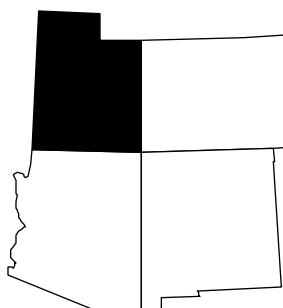
Salt Lake City's overall focus is to support an accelerated redevelopment of the Gateway District to allow for expansion of downtown mixed-use development and provide support facilities for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. The potential future land uses for Gateway were identified through a community-based visioning process.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Pilot has:

- Completed first phase of inventorying of brownfields within project area including developing categories of contamination.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Award:**  
September 1996

**Amount:** \$200,000

**Site Profile:** The Pilot targets the assessment and remediation design for a few test sites within the 650-acre Gateway District.

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The Pilot is:

- Conducting field sampling and analysis and setting priorities for additional assessment and remediation planning;
- Developing prototype reuse processes for each contamination category; and
- Developing site-specific, risk-based corrective actions for at least one site within each category of contamination.

## **LEVERAGING OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Experience with the Salt Lake City Pilot has been a catalyst for related activities including the following.

- Generating standard voluntary cleanup documentation with the State and EPA.
- Identifying financial solutions involving the public and private sectors for cleaning up contaminated properties.
- Developing liability agreements to help expedite private sector cleanups of brownfields sites.